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DUBLIN FOR CHAIRMAN CASEY, EXIMBANK

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (CASEY, WILLIAM J.), TS

SUBJ: CASEY VISIT TO TUNISIA

REFS: STATE 166539, 166583; TUNIS 4178

1. WE HAVE WORKED OUT TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR YOUR APPROVAL, WHICH HAS HAD TO BE ADJUSTED AROUND SUMMER HOURS (7:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.). ALSO, BANKS ARE CLOSED ON SATURDAY, AND THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT MONDAY, AUGUST 4, MIGHT BE DECLARED A HOLIDAY. THIS YEAR PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY OCCURS ON SUNDAY, WHICH COULD MEAN GOT WILL TAKE MONDAY OFF. WE HOPE NOT AND, IN ANY CASE, ARE LAYING ON MEETINGS FOR THAT DAY.

2. IN LIGHT OF YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE SEC AND OUR INTEREST IN GOT EFFORTS TO MOBILIZE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT, WE BELIEVE A VISIT BY YOU TO THE TUNISIAN STOCK EXCHANGE WOULD BE USEFUL, AND WILL REQUEST A MEETING IF YOU AGREE.

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3. MARSHALL CASSE, ACTING CHIEF, E/C SECTION, WOULD BE PLEASED TO ACOMPANY YOU AND YOUR PARTY TO HAMMAMET RESORT AREA FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY, PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOME OF TUNISIAN COUNTRYSIDE.

4. HERE IS OUR PROPOSED SCHEDULE: FRIDAY, AUG 1: 11:40, ARRIVAL TU 752; NON, BRIEFING AT EMBASSY. SATURDAY, AUG 2: MORNING, MEETINGS WITH LASRAM, ZAAOUNI AND SFAR; AFTERNOON, DEPARTURE FOR HAMMAMET, OVERNIGHT IN HAMMAMET. SUNDAY, AUG 3: AFTERNOON, RETURN TO TUNIS. MONDAY, AUG 4, MORNING, MEETINGS AT CENTRAL BANK, DEVELOPMENT BANK, INVESTMENT AGENCY AND STOCK EXCHANGE; 1 P.M., LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR; 16:40, DEPARTURE LN 311.
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